

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Justices of the Trial Court  
First Justices of the Trial Court  
Clerk Magistrates of the Trial Court  
Clerks of Court of the Trial Court  
Registers of Probate of the Trial Court  
Recorder of the Land Court Department  
Chief Probation Officers of the Trial Court  
Court Administrators of the Trial Court  
Commissioner of Probation  
Jury Commissioner

FROM: Robert A. Mulligan, Chief Justice for Administration and Management

DATE: October 11, 2005

RE: **Legal Holidays, Calendar Year 2006**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 4, s. 7, below is a list of the legal holidays for calendar year 2006 and the dates on which each will be observed:

New Year's Day	January 2 (Monday)*
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16 (Monday)
Presidents' Day	February 20 (Monday)
Evacuation Day (in Suffolk County)	March 17 (Friday)**
Patriots' Day	April 17 (Monday)
Memorial Day	May 29 (Monday)
Bunker Hill Day (in Suffolk County)	June 17 (Saturday)***
Independence Day	July 4 (Tuesday)
Labor Day	September 4 (Monday)
Columbus Day	October 9 (Monday)

Veterans' Day	November 11 (Saturday)***
Thanksgiving Day	November 23 (Thursday)
Christmas Day	December 25 (Monday)

\*Holidays that fall on a Sunday, such as New Year's Day January 1, 2006, must be observed on Monday (January 2, 2006) under state law.

\*\*Suffolk County Courts are closed. Locations outside of Suffolk County must maintain regular business operations on Friday, March 17, 2006 (Evacuation Day). However, all employees working outside of Suffolk County covered by one of the Collective Bargaining Agreements are eligible to receive an alternate day with pay in lieu of this holiday.

\*\*\*Pursuant to G.L. c. 4, § 7, holidays that fall on a Saturday must be observed on that day and normal business operations will be maintained on the preceding Friday and following Monday. This year, Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 2006 and Veterans' Day, November 11, 2006 will be celebrated on a Saturday. Therefore, all employees of the Trial Court will receive an alternate day off with pay in lieu of June 17, 2006 and November 11, 2006 to be taken in accordance with the provisions contained in the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements or the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30, § 24A, union exempt personnel are eligible to receive an alternate day/s off in lieu of March 17, 2006 and June 17, 2006. An alternate day off requires the prior approval of the employee's department head in order to ensure that there are sufficient personnel in each department to process the business of the court and serve the needs of the public.

The eligibility of an employee for an alternate day off and the administration of such days off will be in accordance with the provisions of the "Holiday" Article contained in the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements or the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Please post this memorandum in a conspicuous location in order to disseminate this information to the employees in your office. Thank you.

cc: Robert P. Panneton, Chief of Staff  
Trial Court Administrative Office Directors